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Mr. Allan Ryan, Director
Office of Special Investigations
Department of Justice

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Dear Allan:

This letter summarizes the agreements reached at our meeting of March 17, 1983, concerning the Department of Justice and GAO investigations of the allegations concerning U.S. Government involvement with Klaus Barbie. Because of your mandate to complete your investigation and report your findings within 90 days, we agreed to the following.

- After the Department of Justice has completed its investigation and issued its report, it will turn over to GAO for its review all documentation including, but not limited to, raw data, interviews, and third agency documents. Should the House Judiciary Committee request, GAO has the authority to release such documentation to the Committee.
- The Department of Justice will periodically, but at least monthly brief GAO representatives as to the progress and findings of its investigation.
- To the extent possible, the Department of Justice will notify GAO in advance of individuals to be interviewed so that GAO will be able to submit specific questions or areas of interest to be covered. Also, if agreeable, the Department of Justice will afford GAO representatives the opportunity to participate in selected interviews deemed by GAO to be significant to its investigation.

Enclosed are those items of interest to GAO that you agreed to consider during the course of your investigation. Please provide written confirmation of your agreement to the contents of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

FOR COORDINATION WITH

GAO

John R. Tipton
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